



TRAIN DATABASE CLEANUP GUIDE





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ABOUT THIS GUIDE

The TRAIN database cleanup guide is designed to assist users identify, track and process open TRAIN actions. The handbook is designed for training coordinators, Civilian Personnel Operations Centers (CPOCs), Civilian Personnel Advisory Centers (CPAC), managers and others interested in improving the quality and performance of the TRAIN database.

MAINTAINING A CLEAN TRAIN DATABASE

It is important that the TRAIN users periodically review the database to ensure that actions are fully processed. Non-processed, or "open actions", take up valuable space in the system. Large numbers of open actions slow down the software. By regularly checking open actions, users can help ensure that legitimate TRAIN requests are processed and unneeded ones are deleted. The end result is a more accurate database and faster response times!

USING THIS GUIDE

Every effort has been made to ensure this guide is easy to use. Where possible, actual screen shots are provided. Circled numbers correspond with instructions to assist users locate and complete each step. Please send comments, suggestions or corrections to this guide to HeathJ@asamra.hoffman.army.mil



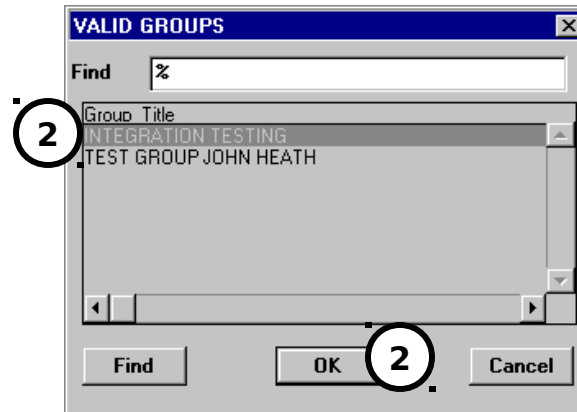
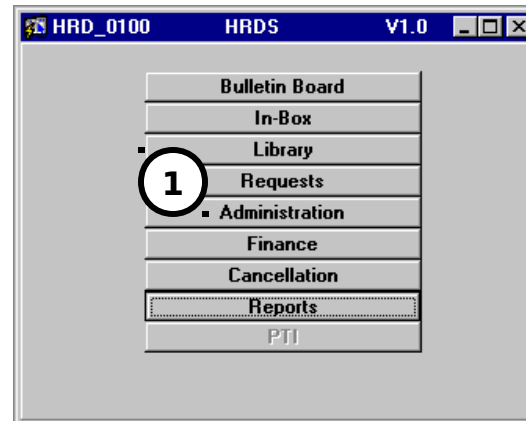
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REVIEWING OPEN ACTIONS

1. From the TRAIN main menu, click on the REQUESTS button.

2. If you are a member of more than one group, select the appropriate group then click OK

(Note: only users who are members of multiple groups will see this menu).





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3. Click on the QUERY button found on the left hand side of the request screen.

4. If you are a TRAIN Administrator, click on the MGR button (this will limit the query to just your processing group). Users who are not TRAIN Administrators will automatically be advanced to step 5.

(Note: If you are a TRAIN Administrator that manages multiple processing groups, see appendix B for additional guidance).

HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM - [TRN_0301] COURSE REQUEST... PAGE 1 OF 3

Action Edit Block Item Record Query Launch Help Window

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: TEST RECORD SSN: 453983163

Processing Group: INTEGRATION TESTING

Home Address: 6321 FALLING STAR

EL PASO, TX 79912-

Home Phone:

COURSE INFORMATION

Course Title:

DCPDS Number:

Training Sponsor:

Vendor Name:

Address:

Document ID #:

UP DN

Course title. Count: *0 <List

Forms

Please choose the role you wish to have during the current query session.

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(Note: it may take several minutes for the QUERIES screen to appear.)

5. Click QUERY then EXECUTE. The first open action for the processing group will appear. Open actions are items that are not fully processed.

(Note: If you have no open actions a message will be displayed at the bottom of the screen indicating that the "query caused no records to be retrieved". This means that you have no active training requests in the system. Skip to step 14 for instructions on how to exit the system.)

6. To view where the action is in the approval process click on the ROUTER button.

HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM - [TRN_0304] QUERIES

Action Edit Block Item Record Query Help Window

Name: TEST RECORD SSN: 453983163

Processing Group: TEST GROUP JOHN HEATH

Course Title: TEST COURSE

DCPDS Number: 004435

Training Sponsor: A Document Id: TRN0000749

Vendor Name: TEST VENDOR

Start Date/Time: 01-JAN-98 0800 Duty Hrs: 8 Train Course Hrs: 8

End Date/Time: 01-JAN-98 1600 Non-Duty Hrs: 0 Method of Training: J

Reference Course Nr: N/A

Note Session: 1

Router 6

Tuition Cost: \$.

Books/Mat/Other: \$0.00

Total Direct Cost: \$.

Travel Cost: \$.

Per Diem Amt: \$0.00

TDY Days: 1

Total Per Diem: \$.

Total Indirect Cost: \$.

Total Cost: \$.

Count: 1 v



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7. A screen will be displayed that identifies the action's approval status. If there is a blank space in the ACTION column, then the action has not been fully approved.

8. If the action has not been fully approved, you can determine its location by looking at the name listed to the left of the "blank" action.

In the example shown, there is a blank space to the right of Joe Smith's name. This indicates that the action is currently in Mr. Smith's inbox. The inbox date indicates the date that the action was sent to Mr. Smith.

The action column is blank indicating that this person has the action.

NAME	ROLE	INBOX DATE	ACTION
TEST RECORD	SUPV	26-OCT-98 1617	SUBMIT
SMITH JOE E	AD	26-OCT-98 1617	

The inbox date identifies when the individual received the action.



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9. If an action is approved, but not fully processed then the word **COMPLETED** appears under the **ACTION** column. This means the action is in the employee's/ group manager's inbox or it is corrupt and cannot be processed.

(Note: if the action is approved and the course completion date has passed, it should be in the employee's or group manager's TRAIN inbox. If it is not, the action is likely corrupt.)

10. If the action is corrupt, annotate the document ID. Report this information to the region help desk who can delete the entry. If necessary, the training coordinator or employee can resubmit the request in TRAIN. Appendix E identifies how to print a 1556 to assist with this process.

NAME	ROLE	INBOX DATE	ACTION
TEST RECORD	SUPV	26-OCT-98 1617	SUBMIT
SMITH JOE E	AD	26-OCT-98 1617	COMPLETED

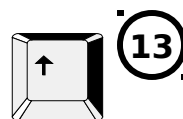
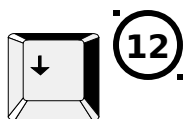
Count: 1

11. If you have more than one open action a 'v' symbol will be displayed at the bottom of the QUERIES screen.



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12. To view additional open actions press the down arrow on your keyboard.

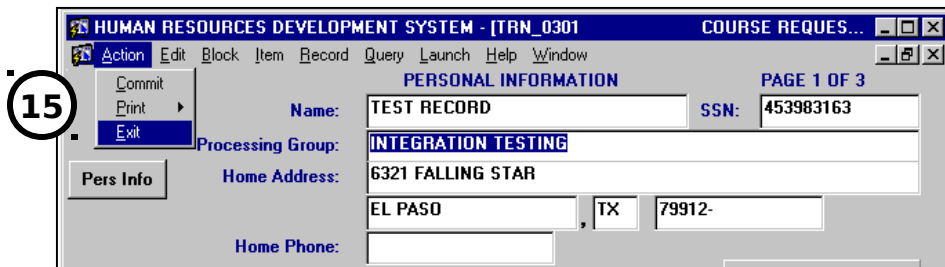
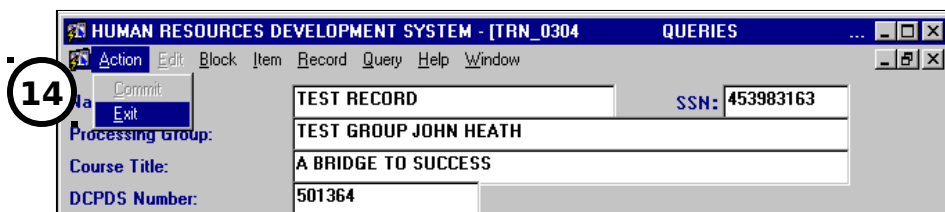


13. To view previous open actions press the up arrow on your keyboard.

(Note: repeat steps 6-11 to determine the status of additional open actions).

14. To exit the QUERIES screen, click on ACTION then EXIT.

15. To exit the COURSE REQUEST screen, click ACTION then EXIT.





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APPENDIX A: Common Questions & Answers.

1. QUESTION: What will happen if I don't clean up my TRAIN actions?

ANSWER: The TRAIN database will continue to grow in size. Genuine actions may not be fully processed and response times are adversely effected.

2. QUESTION: I am the group manager. What if the action is "completed" but it is not in my TRAIN inbox?

ANSWER: If the employee has a TRAIN account, the action is likely in the employee's TRAIN inbox. Appendix C explains how TRAIN ADMIN users can identify if an employee has a TRAIN account. If all route steps have been "COMPLETED" and the action it is not in the employee's or group manager's inbox, it is corrupt and needs to be deleted.

3. QUESTION: Why would I be unable to process an action?

ANSWER: Actions may become unprocessable or "corrupt" for a variety of reasons. Some of the most common are:

- the request has been affected by a software change.
- a member of a group's approval chain has permanently left the organization before the request was fully processed.
- A course library entry was deleted before all actions were processed.
- The last registration date entered in the course schedule expired before the request was fully processed.

4. QUESTION: I have several open actions for the same request, what should I do?

ANSWER: Process the most accurate action. Have any others deleted.



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APPENDIX A: Common Questions & Answers (Continued)

5. QUESTION: Why do multiple actions occur?

ANSWER: Multiple actions result from users inputting request more than one time. Sometimes this is done by mistake. Other times an action has to be re-entered because the original action became corrupt.

6. QUESTION: Who do I need to contact to delete an action?

ANSWER: You should contact your region help desk. Provide them with the document ID of the request(s) you wish to have deleted.

7. QUESTION: Why can't I delete my own actions?

ANSWER: The delete feature requires a user to have access to restricted portions of the software. Because of this, the feature can not currently be delegated outside of the civilian personnel operations center.

8. QUESTION: How will I know when a request has been deleted.

ANSWER: Repeat the steps described in the "reviewing open actions" section of this guide. Once a request has been deleted by the region help desk, it will no longer be displayed on the query screen.

9. QUESTION: If I delete an action, does it need to be resubmitted?

ANSWER: If the request was not fully approved or was not credited to the employees training history, it should be resubmitted. The TRAIN history report or the regional application training area can tell you if the action was credited to an individual's training records. For guidance on running a TRAIN history report, see appendix D.



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APPENDIX B: Guidance for managers of multiple groups.

If you are a manager of multiple groups, you will want to check each group for open actions. To do this, follow steps 1-3 from the main portion of this guide. Then proceed as follows:

4a. Click on ADMIN.

(Note: it may take several minutes for the QUERIES screen to appear.)

Forms

Please choose the role you wish to have during the current query session.

MGR ADMIN

4b. Enter the name of the group you wish to review open actions for in the PROCESSING GROUP block.

(Note: a percent sign '%' may be substituted for unknown information).

HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM

Action Edit Block Item Record Query Help Window

TRN_0304 QUERIES V1.0

Name: SSN:

Processing Group: FORT ANYWHERE% SSN:

Course Title:

DCPDS Number:

Training Sponsor: Document Id:

Vendor Name:

Start Date/Time: Duty Hrs: Train Course Hrs:

End Date/Time: Non-Duty Hrs: Method of Training:

Reference Course Nr: Travel Cost:

Note Session: Per Diem Amt:

Router TDY Days:

4c. Return to step 5 on page 6.

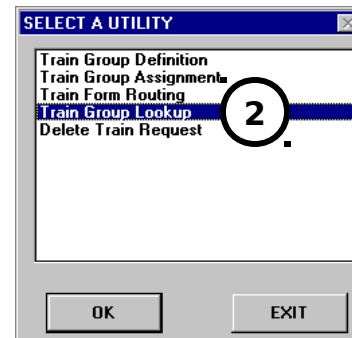
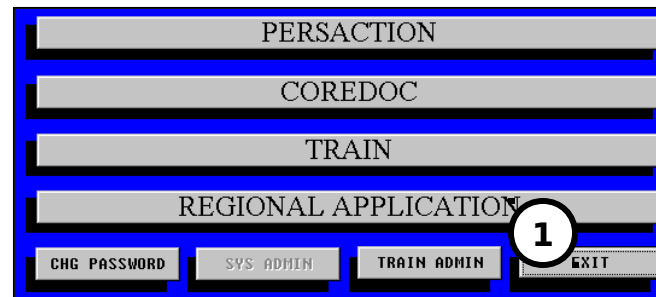


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APPENDIX C: Determining if a user has a TRAIN account.

The following steps describe how a TRAIN ADMIN user can identify if a group member has a TRAIN account. A user has TRAIN ADMIN privileges if the TRAIN ADMIN button text (located on the main Functional Process Improvement screen) is black. TRAIN ADMIN privileges can be granted through your region help desk.

1. Click on TRAIN ADMIN button.
2. Click on TRAIN GROUP LOOKUP.





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3. Enter the name of the group you are reviewing actions for in the GROUP TITLE block.

4. Click QUERY then EXECUTE.



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5. Users without a TRAIN account have the words <<NO LOGIN>> displayed next to their social security number.

6. Users with a TRAIN account have their employee login displayed next to their social security number.

7. Click QUERY then ENTER to clear the screen.

8. Repeat steps 3 - 6 to view additional groups or continue clicking ACTION then EXIT to return to the main FPI screen.

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PPI V5.3 - [SYS_0201] / EMP QUERY V1.0

Action Edit Block Item Record Query Help Window

CURRENT GROUP INFORMATION

Group Code	Group Title	Manager SSN	Manager Login	Employee SSN	Employee Login
25	TEAM	513385893		213644733	<<NO LOGIN>>
				260746618	<<NO LOGIN>>
				421160988	<<NO LOGIN>>
				513385893	WPETON

Use [ARROWS] to scroll, [RETURN] to select
Count: 11

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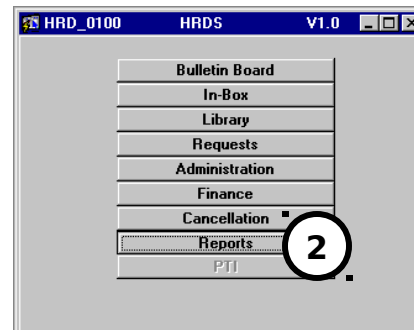
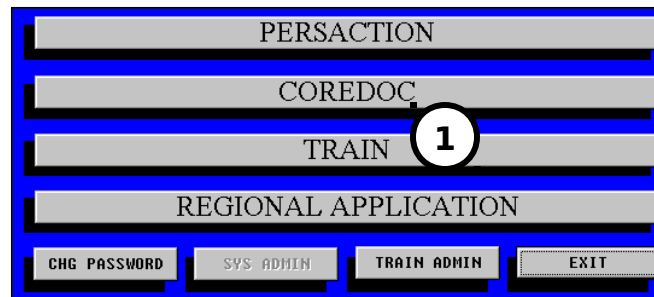


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APPENDIX D: Generating a TRAIN History report.

The following steps describe how to run a TRAIN history report for an organization. Additional information on TRAIN reports can be obtained from the users guide available online at: http://www.afpc.af.mil/tab/c_docs.htm

1. Click on TRAIN.
2. Click on REPORTS.





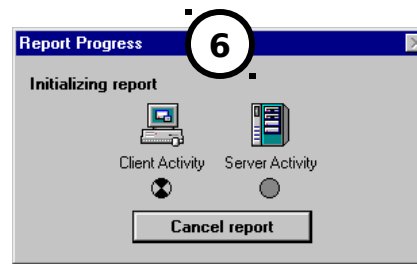
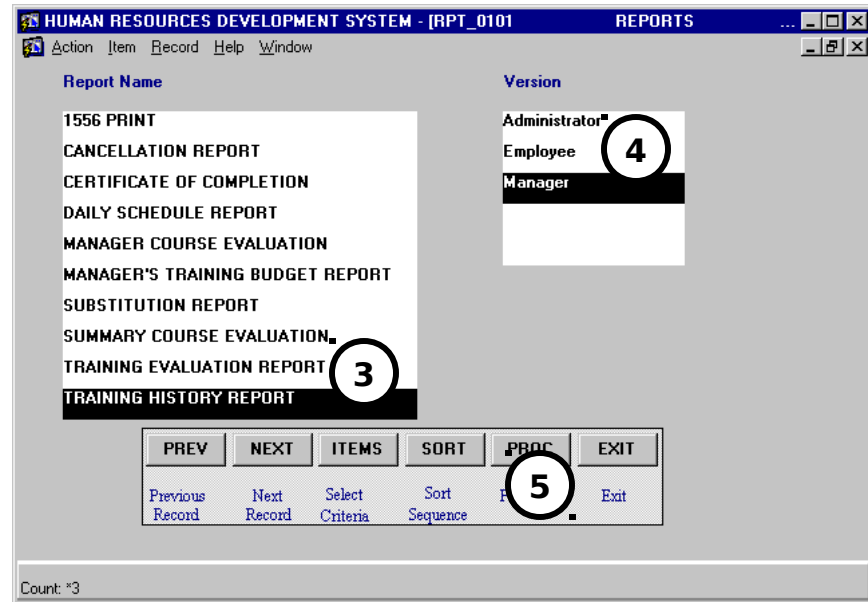
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3. Click on TRAINING HISTORY REPORT.

4. Click on MANAGER version (this will display all requests that have been initiated or worked on by the group manager).

5. Click on PROC.

6. The REPORT PROGRESS menu will be displayed until all report data has been retrieved.





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7. Click on NEXT to view the first page of data.

8. Click on NEXT to view additional pages of the report (if applicable).

9. Click on PREV to view previous pages of the report (if applicable).

10. Click PRINT then OK to produce a hard copy of the report.

11. Click CLOSE then EXIT to return to the TRAIN main menu.

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TRAINING REPORT

REPORT ID: TRN_0156

SELECTION AND SORT CRITERIA FOR TRAINING HISTORY REPORT

SPECIFIC ITEMS AND RANGES SELECTED:
Default dates are between 01-JAN-90 and Current Date

SORT CRITERIA:
No Sort Selected

9

8

10

11

COMPLETED TRAINING REPORT

TRAINING HISTORY REPORT

Date: 05/03/98
Page: 2

Name	Course Code	Course Title	Reg Plan Series Grade	Start Date	End Date	Course Grade
ALUPAT, ANNIE C	011054	Time Management	NS - 105411	06/01/97	06/01/97	S
	011055	Balance An Unbalanced	NS - 105511	06/01/97	06/01/97	S

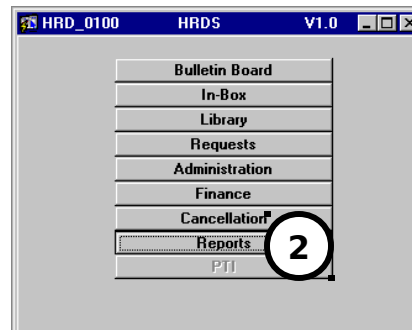
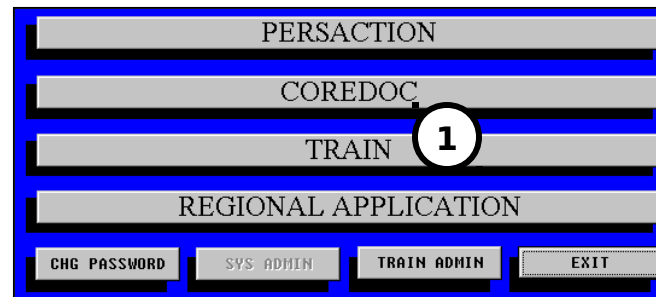


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APPENDIX E: Printing a Hardcopy 1556.

The following steps describe how to print a Department of Defense form 1556 (Request, Authorization, Agreement, Certification of Training and Reimbursement).

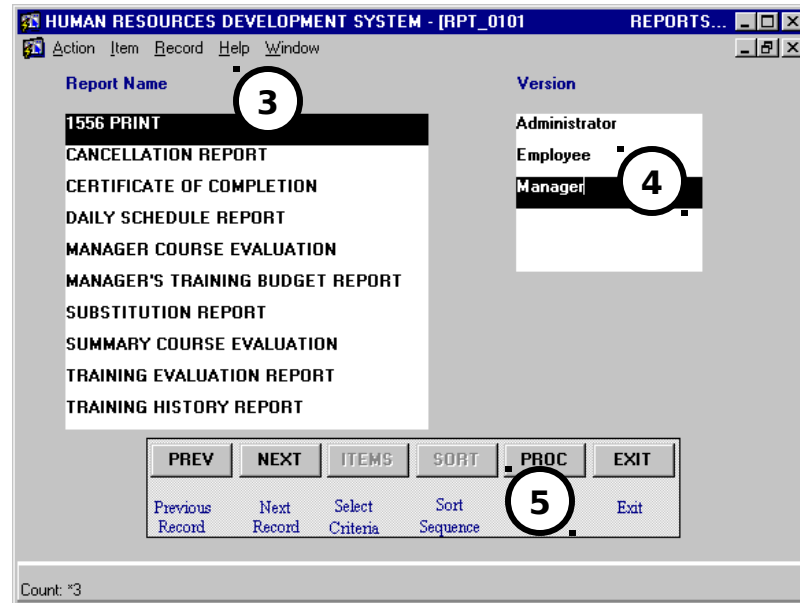
1. Click on TRAIN.
2. Click on reports.





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3. Click on 1556 PRINT.
4. Click on MANAGER version (this will display all requests that have been initiated or worked on by the group manager).
5. Click on PROC.



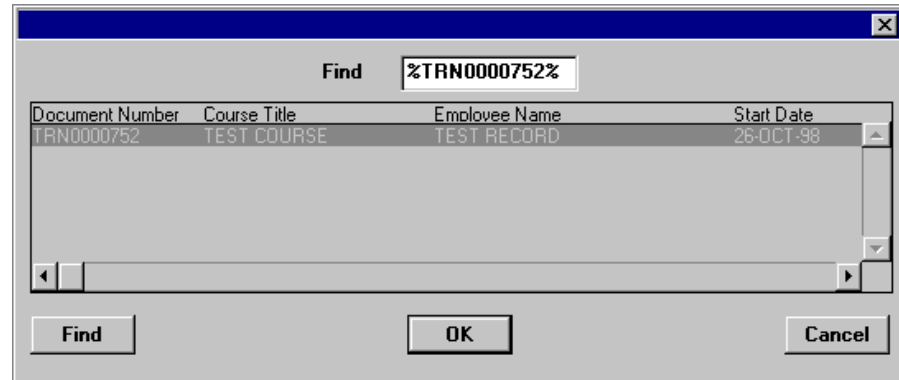
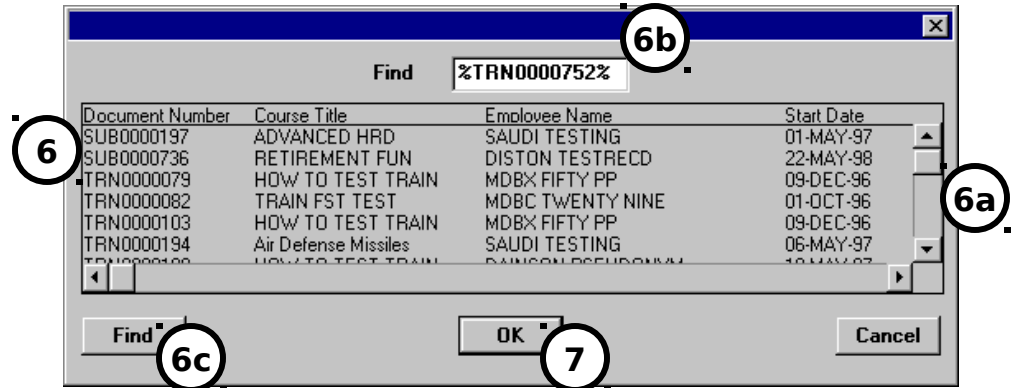


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6. Click on the course entry that you wish to print.

Note: if there are numerous entries, use the scroll bar to view additional items (6a). You may also enter identifying information, such as the course document number, in the find box. Include percent signs before and after this information (6b). Then click FIND (6c).

7. Click OK.



Using the find option can help users quickly identify a specific entry.



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8. Click PRINT then OK to generate a hard copy of the document.

9. Click CLOSE then EXIT to return to the main TRAIN menu.

trn_0160: Previewer

File Edit Window Help

Prev Next First Last Page: 1 Print Close New

REQUEST, AUTHORIZATION, AGREEMENT, CERTIFICATION OF TRAINING AND REIMBURSEMENT

A. Agency code and statement, and submitting office number (concordance)
AR-XM-9002

B. Standard document number (Eq. identifier P#, Cocktype code, Serial number)
TRN0000752

C. Request Status or Process Code
(1) Final
(2) Correction
(3) Other

D. Item

Section A - TRAINEE / APPLICANT INFORMATION

1. Name (Last, first, middle initial)
TEST RECORD

2. 1616 letters of last name
TEST

3. Social Security Number
453983163

4. Est. level
13

5. Continuous Federal Doc.
a. Year 24
b. Month 7

6. Home Address (Street, City, State, and ZIP Code) (optional)
6321 FALLING STAR
EL PASO TX 79912

7. Phone Numbers (Include area code)
a. Home
b. Office

8. Position Title
ELECTRONICS ENGINEER

9. Position Level (if one)
a. Executive
b. Manager
c. Supervisory
d. Other

10. Pay Plan / Series / Grade / Step
(Rate / AFOS / AFSC / AFSC / AFSC Designation)
GS-0855-12/10

11. Organization Name
WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE, NM/TECOM

12. Organizational Mailing Address (Include ZIP)
WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE, NM/TECOM
MTD, TEST SUPPORT DIV
APPLIED ENVIRONMENTAL TEST Bldg. 64700
WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE, NM/TECOM

13. Organization IIC
W04000000

14. Type of Appointment
1A

15. No. prior nonpayment training days

16. Are you handicapped or disabled? (if one)
X Yes
No

Section B - TRAINING COURSE DATA

17. Course Title: TEST COURSE

18. Training Objectives (Efforts to be derived by the Government)
IMPROVE PERFORMANCE

19. Recommended Training Source, School or Facility
a. Name TEST VENDOR
b. Mailing address (Include ZIP)
ANY STREET
ANY TOWN

20. Course Codes
a. Purpose 4
b. Type 4
c. Source A
d. Special Interest
e. Training Vendor TEST

f. Security Clearance
g. Allocation Status
h. Priority 2
i. Training Level
j. Method of Training 3

k. Training Program
l. Reason for Selection 1
m. Training Period (YYMMDD)
a. Start 981026
b. Complete 981026

n. Location of Training site (if different from 21)
WASHINGTON DC

o. Course hours (if different from 22)
a. Study 8
b. Non-study
c. Total 8

p. Course Identifier
a. SAID MD
b. Catalog / Course No. N/A
c. Offering / Title 1

Section C - COST INFORMATION (Costs incurred and billed are not to exceed amount in Item 30)
24. If training does not include expenditure of funds other than salary, pay or compensation, enter the remainder of questions in Section C and X this line.



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